

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the following paragraph which appears at the beginning of the Detailed Description paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 23:

A software facility ("the facility") for identifying the items most relevant to a current query (also referred to as a "distinguished query") based on items selected in connection with similar queries is described. The facility preferably generates ranking values for items indicating their level of relevance to the current query, which specifies one or more query terms. The facility generates a ranking value for an item by combining rating scores, produced by a rating function, that each correspond to the level of relevance of the item to queries containing one of the ranking values. The rating function preferably retrieves a rating score for the combination of an item and a term from a rating table generated by the facility. The scores in the rating table preferably reflect, for a particular item and term, how often users have selected the item when the item has been identified in query results produced for queries containing the term. In some embodiments, the scores also reflect the level of effort users were willing to expend in order to find and select the selected items within query results. In some embodiments, an adjustment factor reflecting a level of effort for selection is used to modify the rating score for items selected in relevant queries.